GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2845
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2001
MUMBAI SUB URBAN RAIL SERVICES
ANANDRAO ADSUL;DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rain has disrupted Mumbai sub-urban rail services this time also;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the causes therefor;

(c) whether any study has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings of the study report; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2845 BY S/SH KIRIT SOMAIYA& ANANDRAOVITHOBA ADSUL TO BE ANSWEREDON 09.08.2001 REGARDING MUMBAI SUB-URBAN RA SERVICES.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): (i) In case of Western Railway, the suburban services were affected on 17.06.2001 & 09.07.2001 due heavy rains in Mumbai area. The main reasons for flooding was that Dadar, Matunga Road and Mahim are low lying areas and water from West Side flows on to the line. In all, the net affect of heavy rains on the suburban working was, delays to 343 trains by more than 5 minutes and cancellation of 90 trains on 17.06.2001 & on 09.07.2001, 191 trains had to be cancelled and 284 trains got delayed by more than 5 minutes. This is out of an average 961 trains run daily.

(ii) In case of Central Railway, there was water logging on the tracks on some locations on the Mumbai suburban system on 3 days i.e.16.06.2001, 17.06.2001 & 09.07.2001. In all the net affect of heavy rains on the suburban working was, loss of punctuality of 1093 trains and cancellation of 1072 trains.

(c): Yes, Sir. Maharastra Government (BMC) had got a study conducted covering all aspects of flooding in Mumbai area.

(d):This study report known as Brimstowad has highlighted various topographical problems and also recommended various measures, which also include large number of additional culverts in vulnerable railway track between Bombay Central and Dadar for clearing storm water. The cost involved in implementing these recommendations is enormous as per Bombay Municipal Corporation, who has to take action in this regard.

(e): Action is yet to be taken by Bombay Municipal Corporation.